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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1559

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FROM CHARGE MIKLOS FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: TECHNICAL COOPERATION/ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 96482, (B) TEHRAN 3512

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES TIMELY AND STRAIGHTFORWARD PROPOSALS WHICH US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN USIRJC PLANNING HAVE PRESENTED. OUR INITIATIVE IN RESPONSE TO THE SECOND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING IN MARCH AND THE SECOND ECONOMY AND FINANCE SESSION IN APRIL IS COMMENDABLE. WE BELIEVE IT ONLY PRUDENT TO NOTE, HOWVER, THAT AN EQUALLY FORTHCOMING RESPONSE IS NOT APPARENT ON THE GOI SIDE AND TO SUGGEST THAT ACTUAL NEGOTIATION OF LOGISTICAL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS UNDER A JOINT TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY TAKE A GOOD DEAL LONGER THAN THE TIME FRAME ESTIMATED IN STATE 96482 AND IN THE TRANSPORTATION STUDY GROUP PROPOSALS SUBMITTED UNDER COVER OF A LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BINDER TO DR. KHOSROW PAKDAMEN.

2. MY LETTER OF MAY 8 TO DR. VAFA SUMMARIZING FOR THE COORDINATING MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE THE PROPOSALS AND PERSONNEL ESTIMATES IN STATE 96482 REQUESTED THAT VAFA ORGANIZE A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOI MINISTRIES

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CONCERNED AND THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THIS LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

3. A SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER ENCLOSING COPY OF THE TRANSPORTATION STUDY GROUP PROPOSALS WAS SENT ON MAY 15 TO VAFA, WITH THE NOTE THAT, IF ACCEPTED, THESE PROPOSALS WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AMERICAN EXPERTS ARRIVING IN IRAN UNDER USIRJC AUSPICES.

4. THE MINISTRY OF LABOR IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFF HAS INDICATED THAT, WHILE IT DESIRES GO AHEAD WITH MANPOWER COOPERATION PROPOSALS, IT HAS NO FUNDS BUDGETED AT PRESENT TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.

5. ABOVE EXAMPLES MAKE IT INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT ALTHOUGH GOI INTERESTED IN PRINCIPLE AND MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE AGREEABLE TO COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS, THAT AT PRESENT A DRIVING FORCE FOR OBTAINING RAPID INTER-MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT AND ACTION IS LACKING. WE WILLCONTINUE TO PRESS VAFA FOR DEFINITIVE REPLIES BUT DO NOT ENCOURAGE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER US AGENCIES TO EXPECT RAPID RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM. SUGGEST THAT PROJECTIONS IN STATE 96482 SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE BASIS FOR PLANNING PRSONNEL MOVEMENTS.

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